17 MARCH 1945 "AS IF THE NIGHT WERE MOANING"

for Orchestra and Chorus

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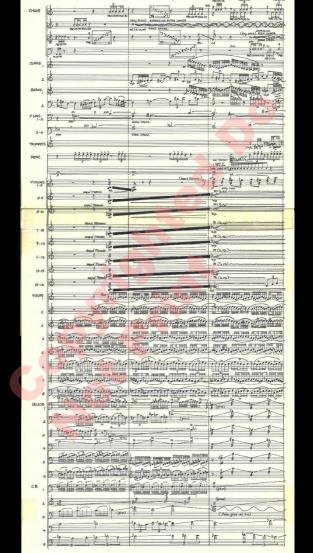
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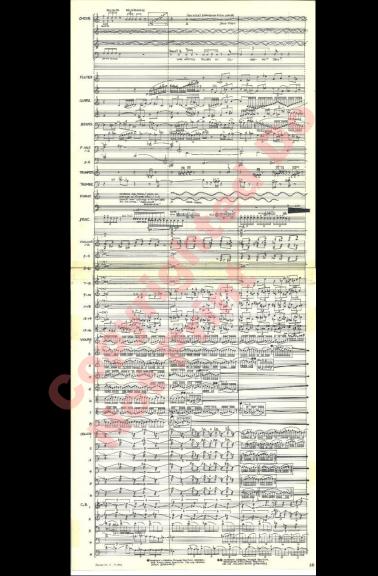
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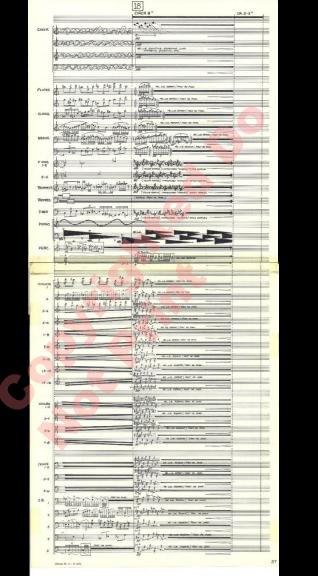
What appears on the next five pages are reconstructed, reduced images of oversized pages 34-37 of the score as constructed by the composer, and an image of pages 36-37 of the open score with one side unfolded and the other not. These constructed pages measure 24.5" in height except for pg. 34, which is only 21.75".

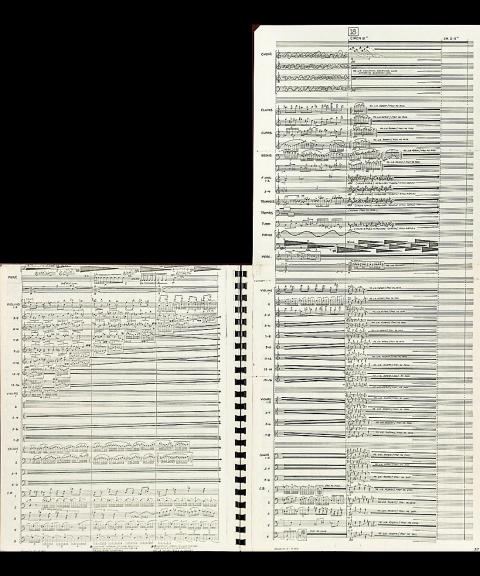
(These are shown on pages 45-52 of this document in pairs of full width, partial images with the duplicated portion of each image in shadow on the second page of each pair.)











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All instruments are notated in this score in concert pitch. To keep the material within the confines of pre-printed staff paper, it was necessary to employ a number of unusual clef transpositions in the score. The extracted parts, however, have been transposed when necessary and appear on clefs traditionally associated with the particular instrument. Diagramatic notation has been extracted in traditional notation to facilitate performance.

D.R.H.

The music of <u>17 MARCH 1945</u> is constructed around four short German-language monologues, each depicting a personal reminiscence of the bombing of Wurzburg at the close of World War II.

- I don't remember much. It has been so long... We were all asleep.. I came awake hearing the pulsations. I didn't know what it was. Growing louder and louder... As if the night were moaning....
- I was standing outside. I remember feeling, not hearing, but feeling the sky begin to roar. . Thunder. . Sirens. . Thunder. . . Airplanes! . It seemed like thousands. My brain just stopped working. I couldn't remember where my children's bedrooms were. . .
- 3. . . The ground was shaking . . The bombers were all over the sky. The ground was shaking so much, the church bells began ringing all by themselves. . Bombs and bells . This wasn't supposed to happen here. They said it wouldn't come here . . We were supposed to be safe! . . .
- 4. . . . Where are my children? . . .

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Capital letters (A,D,B,G,E, etc.) = Standard American english alphabet pronunciation

= "British T" (tip of tongue behind teeth)

 $\dot{\tau}$ = (tip of tongue to the teeth) tick

d = duck

small o's and e's are long unless otherwise indicated (de-ah, bo-dat, etc.)

White Sound (fortissimo "ha")

prrr = perr + rolled r (Italian)

YJ = like Y in "yet"

GJ = like G in "get"

BJ = like B in "bet"

th = thing

= relative pitch, usually as short as possible in duration

▲ w = pitch as high or low as possible

= sharp inhalation of breath

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FOR WÜRZBURG

CR.3"



PERC.

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(CONT. SIMILE)

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ELECTRONIC FIMPLIFICATION OF CHORUS (AND BRROQUE ENSEMBLE PRIOR TO LETTER 15) IS RECOMMENDED HIS STANDARD PRACTICE

